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care of some special municipal department. In still other cities there are no special school physicians, but the examinations of school children for eye, ear, nose, and throat diseases are made from time to time by physicians especially designated for that purpose. In two cities, Erfurt and Nordhausen, there are school dentists, and in one, Charlottenburg, there is a school physician for orthopedic gymnastics.

From the number of school physicians for each of the several cities and the number of children assigned to each of the physicians, it is apparent that no general average has yet been worked out for school physicians in Germany. In Berlin, for instance, each of the 44 school physicians had under his supervision an average of 7 schools with 5,150 pupils, distributed in 138 classes; in Hanover there were 19 school physicians, with an average of 4 schools and 1,440 pupils in 27 classes, for each; in Charlottenburg, 15 physicians with an average of 2 schools and 1,430 pupils in 27 classes, each; in Barmen, 2 physicians with 25 schools and 11,880 pupils in 218 classes, each; in Rixdorf, one physician with 23 schools and 22,934 pupils in 398 classes. There is just as great variation in the pay of the school physicians, their salaries ranging from \$500 to \$22.50 per year.

UNITED STATES.

[Reports to the Surgeon-General, Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service.]

PELLAGRA.

Report from Beaufort, S. C.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Hay reports, September 30:

I have been informed by Doctor Guffin, a practicing physician of Beaufort, S. C., that he has had 8 cases of pellagra, all of which proved fatal.

Report from Georgetown, S. C.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Moorer reports, September 25:

During the past 5 years there have been 6 cases of pellagra under my observation at the Georgetown Infirmary. Four of these cases came from the county chain gang. I mistook my first case for Addison's disease, but noticed instead of pigmentation in mouth and fauces a raw and bleeding surface. Then the bronzed skin peeled, leaving raw surfaces. The bronzing of the skin appeared on the dorsal surfaces of arms and back, and especially the neck. There were intense intestinal and trophic disturbances, and anorexia and lassitude connected with all the cases. Only one became so deranged mentally as to require treatment at the insane asylum. The majority of the cases were in persons of negro race between the ages of 20 and 40 years.

The treatment employed in these cases was: Strychnine, arsenic, and the tincture of the chloride of iron in large and increasing dosage, and a strict dietary of from 2 to 3 quarts of milk, with from 8 to 10 raw eggs a day. Five of the cases have completely recovered. The fate of the sixth case, which was sent to the state asylum for the insane, is unknown to me.

Report from Jacksonville, Fla.

Acting Assistant Surgeon McGinness reports, September 24:

On inquiry I find one case of suspected pellagra at present in Jacksonville under the care of a physician. The patient came to this city from Atlanta, Ga., several months ago and has been under medical supervision since May, 1909.

Report from Key West, Fla.

Quarantine Inspector Porter reports, September 23:

During the year 1908 two cases of pellagra were discovered and treated at the Florida hospital for the insane. No cases are known to have occurred this year in Florida, except possibly a suspicious case which is now being investigated at Hampton Springs.

Report from Wilmington, N. C.

Surgeon Gardner reports, September 29:

The annual recrudescence of pellagra in this city and vicinity was delayed this year until June. Since that time about 40 cases have come under observation of the local physicians; 3 or 4 deaths have been reported as due to this cause.

Dr. E. J. Wood, of this city, informs me that there has been a marked increase in the number of cases, but that the type of the disease is much milder than in former years and that it is now more nearly that seen in Italy.

The number of cases is falling off now, as is usual at this season of the year.

Report from San Francisco, Cal.—Plague-prevention work at San Francisco, Oakland, and Point Richmond, and in Alameda and Contra Costa counties, Cal.

Surgeon Blue reports:

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

Last case of human plague: Sickened, January 30, 1908.

Last case of rodent plague: October 23, 1908.

Week ended September 25, 1909.

Sick inspected.....	2
Plague.....	0
Dead inspected.....	118
Plague.....	0
Premises inspected.....	2, 110
Houses disinfected.....	16
Houses destroyed.....	2
Buildings condemned.....	10
Nuisances abated.....	231
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Rats found dead.....	14
Rats trapped.....	2, 205
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Total rats taken.....	2, 219
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